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Walker and Mark, we can get hotel availability in Nairobi for the nights of March 14-15-16 but not the 13th which means there is an option from a hotel logistics viewpoint for AAW to attend. He could do the evening ministerial reception on Thursday March 14 and then do the Ministerial Statement and Leadership Dialogue the morning of Friday, March 15 and a stakeholder meeting in the afternoon. He could maybe squeeze in a few bilats with Ministers on late Thursday or breakfast Friday. Friday afternoon a lot of Ministers will be departing. Obviously, there are other scheduling factors in play but this appears to be what is feasible for UNEA.

Another option to consider instead of Africa, could be The World Water Week in Stockholm. World Water Week is THE international meeting for water and sanitation and always includes a heavy Africa presence. **Dates are August 25-20, 2019.** 2018 program is attached. I believe David Ross ended up going for part of it this year.

Africa presence in 2018 included the governments of Chad, Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia etc as well as numerous African water groups such as the Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Societies Network, Kenya Innovative Financing Facility for Water, Water Services Regulatory Board Kenya, African Groundwater Commission, African Development Bank, the AfricaSan International Task Force and the African Water Association. State, UNEP or WHO may have travel funds to bring specific African representatives to the meeting as well.

If this were an option of interest, we would probably need to reach out to State and USAID to identify whether there is a high level panel slot that would meet our needs. We would also want to reach out to ADB because they almost always organize an african focused panel with government officials.

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